

decline to accept the nomination, claiming as the voluntary expression of the wishes of a majority of the Republican voters of the United States, through the action of their delegates in the next national convention.

WILLIAM H. CLARK, COCK, "CH-STER H. ALDRICH, "ROBERT P. BASS, "JOSEPH M. CAREY, "CHAS. E. OSBORN, "W. H. STUBBS, "HEBERT HADLEY, "The Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, "New York City, N. Y."

#### Comment on Statement.

Efforts of Colonel Roosevelt's friends to induce him to make an earlier declaration of his attitude on the presidential question had been unavailing. His laconic remark to a friend in Cleveland last Wednesday night that "my hat is in the ring—you will have my answer Monday" was the only real indication that he had made an affirmative answer to the Governor's letter. Upon promise that the reply would be given out to-night, a small army of newspaper men gathered at the Colonel's office early in the evening. Secretary Frank Harper met the reporters punctually and gave out the correspondence without comment. He said he was in no position to comment, and in view of the absence of a statement, where he would spend several days, it was impossible to get an elaboration of the statement made in the letter.

**No Third Party.**—Washington, Feb. 25.—At the national Roosevelt committee headquarters here, which Medill McCormick is director, the following statement was given out:

"Colonel Roosevelt has no intention of becoming a candidate for the office of 'people's party' in the event the Chicago convention fails to name him as the candidate of the Republican party. Statements recently made that the former President would take such action are declared to be without foundation."

"That such a proposition has been made to Colonel Roosevelt is not denied. It is stated that the activity of the administration nomination campaign managers in making the 'steam roller' caused several admirers of Colonel Roosevelt to fear the Chicago convention would be 'packed,' and that the popular will of the people would find no expression there. In this event, it was asserted, it would be well to give the people a chance to express their sentiments at the polls, an independent party being formed to place Colonel Roosevelt's name before them."

When an authoritative source it was learned to-day that Colonel Roosevelt did not look upon the proposition with favor, and in effect stated that such a proceeding was out of the question."

**Michigan Is for Him.**—Lansing, Mich., February 25.—"The statement of Theodore Roosevelt rings true. It is just like him," said Governor Chase E. Osborn in a signed statement to-night. "If the Republican party has not lost its sense completely and its interest in the masses, and it has not, it will nominate Theodore Roosevelt." Governor Osborn declared: "Michigan sentiment is for him three to one."

#### Hadley Expected It.

Sherborn City, Mo., February 25.—Herbert S. Hadley, when told of Colonel Roosevelt's statement, said: "Colonel Roosevelt's statement is such as I had expected from previous communications from him and statements that he has made."

"If the methods suggested by Colonel Roosevelt for the selection of delegates to the national convention were adopted there is little doubt in my mind that he would be nominated." When asked in what States the seven Governors would now take steps to further the nomination of Colonel Roosevelt, Governor Hadley said: "I know one Governor who is doing all he can to further Roosevelt's interest in each of the several districts of Missouri." He said he thought the Governors would make no organized effort, as he would see no good to be accomplished by such a move.

## DEMOCRATS ARE FRANKLY JOYFUL

They Realize That Entry of Roosevelt Will Make Victory Easier.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, Feb. 25.—News that Colonel Roosevelt's candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination has caused much joy at the headquarters of the four Democrats who are trying for the presidential nomination—Harmon, Underwood, Clark and Wilson—and in addition makes Virginia politicians and others here who are in close touch with the situation believe that certain victory is ahead for the Democrats.

While prospects were never brighter, according to what the Virginians in Washington say for a grand Democratic victory at the polls in November, they realize that never was there a harder fight ahead after the Democrats have settled their differences at the Baltimore convention. And just here

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comes in the wisdom and sound political judgment of the members of the Vice, and again they have been asked to express their opinions concerning a choice, but with one or two exceptions, not a word has been coming from them. They realize that with four such men as Clark, Wilson, Underwood and Harmon in the running, any choice would make a good successor to President Taft in the White House, and one of whom is almost certain to be there, that it would be bad political policy at this time to make a positive announcement concerning any of them. For instance, should Senator Martin, or Senator Swanson come out and make an open statement pledging himself for one of these four candidates, it was pointed out that it could have a very potent influence in Virginia, and should such a candidate not be successful in securing the nomination at Baltimore, might have a tendency to make the Virginia delegates split, whereas now it is believed that when elected, and then they go to the convention, they will act as a unit, whether instructed or not.

Neither of the Virginia Senators is willing to make public his opinion as to whom he believes to be the strongest candidate among the Democrats who are remaining, or who he thinks the most available man. It is not improbable, however, that a little later on there may be something coming from them. Senator Martin is known as a man who keeps his plans to himself until the right time, when he lets them be known, the result being that he almost invariably gets what he is after—whether it is a little or big thing he is planning. Senator Swanson works along much the same line, and is slow to make his plans known to his confidence. Any statement coming from them now would be most interesting, for this reason.

The present week promises to be a most interesting one, with the members of the Virginia delegation in Congress. Unless it is ascertained that in favor of some of the other bills, the agricultural appropriation bill, with Captain Lamb, of Richmond, in charge, will be on the calendar, it will be the usual routine. The right-of-way bill, which has been measures were sandwiched in here and there, the results being that Captain Lamb has had to wait. He said to-day that when his bill is brought up and the actual work of passing it begins, the usual routine will probably be consumed.

Congressman Carter Glass, of Lynchburg, will come to the front as one of the money trust probers before the week ends. Now, that the preliminary work of getting this matter out of the usual routine has been completed, the real work of probing will begin. It is fortunate that Virginia has a member of the Banking and Currency Committee of the House, who will take part in this investigation.

Mr. Glass is known as a man who says little, but who does things thoroughly, and his friends are confidently looking forward to his taking an active and prominent part in the work of getting at the bottom of the trust, if, in reality, one exists.

P. H. McG.

#### THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Virginia—Rain Monday; Tuesday, generally fair and much colder; increasing east winds, becoming a gale.

North Carolina—Rain Monday, with cold front portions; Tuesday, generally fair and colder; high east, shifting to west winds.

Special Local Data for Yesterday, 12 noon temperature, 46; 3 P. M. temperature, 51; Minimum temperature up to 8; Maximum temperature up to 52; P. M. temperature, 38; Mean temperature, 44; Excess in temperature, 42; Deficiency in temperature, 42; Since January 1, in temperature, 520; Since January 1, in rainfall, 4.46; Deficiency in rainfall since March 1, 1.06.

Local Observations 8 P. M. Yesterday, Temperature, 47; Humidity, 47; Wind, direction, South; Wind, velocity, 2; Weather, Clearing.

#### CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place.	Ther.	W. T.	Weather.
Richmond	46	53	Clearing
Ashville	44	48	Rain
Atlanta	44	48	Rain
Atlanta City	50	58	S. cloudy
Boston	36	44	Cloudy
Buffalo	28	34	Cloudy
Charlotte	54	58	Cloudy
Chicago	30	34	Cloudy
Cincinnati	34	40	Cloudy
Duluth	18	24	Snow
Galveston	66	70	Clear
Hatteras	46	48	Cloudy
Houston	46	50	Cloudy
Houstonville	66	70	Clear
Kansas City	38	44	Cloudy
Louisville	44	48	Rain
Montreal	14	20	Cloudy
New Orleans	70	74	Cloudy
New York	50	58	Cloudy
Norfolk	50	54	Cloudy
Oakland	46	50	Cloudy
Pittsburgh	46	50	Cloudy
Raleigh	50	54	Cloudy
St. Louis	34	40	Rain
St. Paul	14	20	Cloudy
San Francisco	54	58	Cloudy
Savannah	56	60	Cloudy
Spokane	38	44	Cloudy
Tampa	44	48	Cloudy
Washington	48	54	Cloudy
Winnipeg	22	28	Clear
Wetherville	16	20	Cloudy

#### MINIATURE ALMANAC.

February 26, 1912.  
Sun rises, 6:15; Moon sets, 10:50.  
Sun sets, 6:15; Moon rises, 11:00.  
Evening, 11:00.

## REV. J. A. M'CLURE ACCEPTS CHARGE

He Will Become Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in Petersburg.

## CONGREGATION REJOICES

First Baptist Church Extends Call to Dr. Roper, of Spartanburg.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 5 Bollingbrook Street, Petersburg, Va., February 25.

After the morning service at the Second Presbyterian Church to-day, a meeting of the congregation was held to receive a message from the Rev. J. A. McClure, of Henderson, N. C., who was recently, by unanimous vote of the congregation, extended a call to the pastoral charge of the church. The message was in the form of a letter which was read by Dr. W. McAd White, of Dalefield, N. C., who had conducted the service of the day. In this letter Mr. McClure announced his acceptance of the call to the church, and stated that he probably would enter on his pastoral duties about the middle of April. The announcement was received with evident manifestations of rejoicing by the congregation.

When the congregation voted to call Mr. McClure, it also appointed John W. Friend, Jr., the commissioner to prosecute a call before the Albemarle Presbytery, of which Mr. McClure is a member, and which meets in Henderson on April 16. Mr. McClure is thirty-nine years old, is a native of Augusta, Theological Seminary, and is a man of ability, of attractive pulpit delivery and his pastoral work has been successful. He has a wife and several children, and the church here, besides paying him a handsome salary, also furnishes him a house.

#### Call to Dr. Roper.

At a meeting of the congregation of the First Baptist Church to-day, the report of the pulpit committee, recommending that a call to the pastoral charge of the church be extended to Dr. L. M. Roper, of Spartanburg, S. C., was unanimously adopted, and the congregation voted unanimously to call Dr. Roper. Dr. Roper is about forty years old, and is a man of family, has been a pastor for several years, and is one of the Southern Baptist Church. He is a native of South Carolina. His great work in Spartanburg gives evidence of his successful pastoral work.

#### Determined Effort.

A determined effort is to be made to interest the people of Petersburg in the building of a modern Young Men's Christian Association home, and as a step in this direction a meeting of the business men and others will be held in the Stratford Hotel next Thursday evening. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the matter in full, and decide what shall be done. A banquet will be spread, and among the specially invited speakers will be Dr. Charles E. Barker, the private physician to President Taft, who is deeply interested in association work from a business man's standpoint. Dr. Barker is Sutherland, of the Washington Young Men's Christian Association, who will illustrate what other cities have done in such work. The estimated cost of the proposed building is \$75,000, and the plans of its foundation have been published in The Times-Dispatch.

#### General News.

The Petersburg team has signed Earle A. Brunson, of Ellicott City, Md., said to be a star pitcher. He will report about the middle of May. The transfers of real estate in this city last week were few and of little importance.

The meeting of the Wednesday Music Club the past week was an unusually delightful one. The selections were nearly all from Schumann, and many guests were present.

A Blanket, of Swift Creek, slipped and fell Saturday night at the station of the Virginia Railway and Power Company and sustained injuries about the head. He was taken to the hospital and treated. His injuries are serious.

Licenses to marry were issued from the clerk's office on Saturday, to the following couples: Max P. Biss and Miss Katie Blacker, Petersburg; Jerry M. Hassell, of Warsaw, N. C., and Marie Elizabeth White, of Petersburg; and Mary and Applewhite, of Petersburg.

The automobile garage of W. W. Otten, at North Emporia, was burned Saturday morning, and four automobiles were destroyed, belonging to different parties, valued at \$1,500 each.

Rev. T. M. Marsh, D. D. of Nashville, Tenn., who was announced to preach at the First Baptist Church this morning, was delayed on the train, and did not arrive until after 12 o'clock. He preached to-night.

**Sudden Death.**—Charles H. Davis, a carpenter, aged about thirty-eight years, died suddenly last night at his home on Canal Street. He is survived by his wife and two children.

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## Taft Deeply Hurt BY COLONEL'S ACT

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accepted the War portfolio, and, it is said, upon unquestioned authority, that he stipulated he should not be expected to do campaign work. Yet he has accepted an invitation to speak in Chicago on March 5 at the Taft Club meeting.

#### Meyer Denies Rumor.

Only as recently as last Friday Secretary Meyer met a rumor that he was about to resign with this statement: "If I remain in the Cabinet, as I intend to do, it is quite evident that my loyalty will be with my chief."

Many who inquired as to the phraseology of the Roosevelt letter were intent upon learning whether it was made clear that the colonel would be a candidate only until the Chicago convention made his choice.

Nan, political leaders professed to believe that if the colonel failed to get the nomination he would head a third party.

Even before the Roosevelt letter was received the bureau here, which has charge of his interests, issued a statement denying the third party rumor. The letter issued from New York was as positive evidence that Mr. Roosevelt had no such purpose.

Notwithstanding the bombshell from New York, the usual optimistic weekly review of the last week was issued to-night from the Taft bureau. It was stated that forty-four delegates to the Woodrow Wilson campaign committee and Cummings, both avowed candidates for the Republican nomination, but neither would make any comment on the proposed resignation of Mr. Wilson and the Jack and Cummings nomination. Mr. Wilson's headquarter issue statements expressing their delight at the mudslinging of Republican waters, and the mudslinging of Democratic leaders, who had opposed to Mr. Taft had been elected.

It was also reiterated to-night by friends of the President that he was willing to let stand his announcement of several weeks ago that nothing but death would take him out of the fight for the nomination. The Roosevelt letter was read to Senators La Follette and Cummings, both avowed candidates for the Republican nomination, but neither would make any comment on the proposed resignation of Mr. Wilson and the Jack and Cummings nomination.

#### C. P. Taft Confident.

Cincinnati, O., February 25.—After reading the statement of Colonel Taft, the president-elect, that he would accept the presidential nomination, if elected, the president-elect, Charles P. Taft, brother of President Taft, said here:

"I don't think Mr. Roosevelt will get that nomination. In fact, I am positive we will beat him. Mr. Roosevelt has made himself unpopular with the Republican party by his speech at Columbus."

#### CAROLINA ALUMNI MEETS.

Consider Matter of Athletics at University of Durham, N. C., February 25.—The alumni of the State University, residing in Durham, met last evening at the Y. M. C. A., and discussed with John Hall Manning matters pertaining to the athletics of the university. Just what the alumni association is planning to do is not for publication at present.

Mrs. J. T. Plimix, of Norfolk, who is in the city as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walker, on Parish Place, is seriously ill from a stroke of paralysis, which she suffered Thursday. Mrs. L. Carter, of Norfolk, a daughter of Mr. Plimix, and Mrs. T. H. Street, a sister, are attending her bedside. Alex. Plimix, of Richmond, a son, arrived to-day.

The surveyors on the new Durham to Danville railroad are at present working around Pot Notch, in the northern part of Caswell county, not far from the Virginia line. If good weather permits they will complete their part of the work within two weeks. Caswell county people in the city yesterday report that though two other lines had been surveyed, in all probability the line direct by Prospect Hill would be the one chosen. The surveyors think that this is by far the best.

Gover Kitchen yesterday granted a pardon to Ed. Durham, a well known character, in the Recorder's Court of this city, who was sentenced to six months on the county roads by Judge Allen at the December term, for being a common nuisance.

The residence of G. A. Rhodes, four miles from the city, was destroyed by fire yesterday. It occurred at midnight, and the family barely escaped with their lives. Only a scant supply of clothes was saved, and a Confederate well known farmer, and a Confederate veteran, well along in years, and the loss is very heavy upon him. His loss is estimated at \$1,500, with little or no insurance.

#### Forbids Demonstrations.

San Juan del Sur, February 25.—It is announced that the government has issued a prohibitory order against any demonstrations, either favorable or otherwise, in connection with the visit of the American Secretary of State, Mr. Knox.

#### Mentolated Suet, recommended for cold on the chest, coughing, sore throat, etc. Can be had at The Tragic Drug Co.

## COUNT VIRGINIA CERTAIN FOR TAFT

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party and the man selected by the Democrats.

Thinks Hitchcock Will Quit. A Republican who is not identified with the Taft faction predicted last night, when informed of the Roosevelt statement, that Postmaster-General Hitchcock will leave the Taft Cabinet to help the former President win the nomination. Hitchcock has been the political mystery during the last two or three months. Most Virginia Republicans believe he is certain to support Roosevelt. Friends of Morgan Treat, former United States marshal, have always charged that it was in the Taft faction who picked Treat out of the South to give long route to Roosevelt in this State is leaning toward Roosevelt, for the reason that the organization and officeholders are standing by Taft. Mr. Treat happens to be "out" if Hitchcock goes with Roosevelt, then would not the same element with Treat, and strange things have happened.

"Mr. Taft will get the support of the Virginia delegates at Chicago," said a well-known Republican last night, "and the twenty-four Virginia votes cast for him will be worth counting. In the eyes of the people, Mr. Roosevelt is a bigger and more popular figure than Mr. Taft, but Mr. Taft will unquestionably secure the nomination. He will be nominated because he will have the delegates. Then Mr. Roosevelt must support him or else go ahead with that third party."

#### Would Bring Upheaval.

But if Roosevelt should happen to defeat Taft at Chicago, and should happen to defeat the Democratic candidate, there will be the most widespread Republican upheaval in Virginia that has ever known. All of the party leaders in the State will be bound themselves against him in the meantime. He would go into office with few political friends of record in Virginia. Just here the suggestion is made that it would give him a good chance to pick fresh material for the new party in the South he would count on. Roosevelt won't feel so grateful for the votes in December if he failed to get them in June. June is the only month in which the Virginia Republican vote counts. The prediction has already been made that a big Roosevelt vote will spring to the front in this State within the next ten days. The first man on the ground can hope for the biggest plan in the event of Roosevelt's election.

#### MEETING HELD AT AMHERST.

Sunday-School Council Addressed by State Secretary Diggs. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Amherst, Va., February 25.—The Sunday-School Council held at Amherst on Friday was a success, and was much enjoyed by the officers and all interested. A in Sunday-school work.

Considering the rough weather and unfavorable weather, a good-sized crowd of people gathered for the meeting. Diggs, of Richmond, State Secretary of the Sunday-School Association, spoke. He also delivered a paper on Sunday-school work in the Episcopal Church Sunday night.

The harsh weather of the past winter had effect on the macadam roads of the county. There have been several accidents, and the roads are in a bad condition. It is said that between Amherst and Lynchburg, at one or two points, the road is in a serious condition. A special meeting of the board of supervisors has been called for Monday, March 4, when it is proposed to take action on the matter, and go over the road and determine what is best to be done toward repairing it.

#### ADDRESS BY ALDERMAN.

Will Be Delivered at University on Tuesday Evening.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Charlottesville, Va., February 25.—President Alderman returned yesterday from Philadelphia, where he made the principal speech at the Founders' day celebration of the University of Pennsylvania. He will deliver an address to the students Tuesday evening in Madison Hall. The subject of his talk will be "Fraternalities."

There will be an added attraction at the university for the Easter week festival, which will consist of a musical performance of George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man." It will be given under the auspices of the General Athletic Association and the King's Daughters. Dr. William H. Faulkner, professor of German, is supervising the rehearsals, and will stage director. The play will be given on April 12.

Professor Charles W. Kent has returned from New York, where, as one of the representatives of Southern colleges and universities, he took part in the conference at Columbia University, whose object was to determine the college entrance requirements in English for the next four years. Dr. Kent has experience in teaching English in the United States, and is one of the most valuable members of the Association of schools and colleges.

Professor T. J. Stubbs, Jr., head of the department of history at the John Marshall High School, Richmond, was one of the speakers at the dinner of the Johns Hopkins University Association of Virginia Tuesday night, spent yesterday in the University of Virginia library consulting some of the rare old historical volumes there which he made him. He will deliver his paper next Saturday evening before the Patrons' Association of Richmond. Professor Stubbs said he found in the library a number of works dealing with Southern history which he had found in few libraries in the United States. He said that the bibliography of the University of Virginia on Southern history was one of the most complete in the country.

#### While in Charlottesville Professor Stubbs was the guest of Dr. J. Marshall Gray.

#### MISTRIAL SEEMS PROBABLE

Jury in Case of John B. Sneed Apparently Unable to Agree.

Fort Worth, Texas, February 25.—The jury in the case of John B. Sneed, charged with the murder of Captain A. G. Boyce, Sr., is apparently unable to reach an agreement. Just before noon to-day the juror sent for Judge Swayne and announced that there was no possibility of reaching a verdict. The judge sent him back with instructions to deliberate further. Since that time there has been no indication that a verdict would be forthcoming. It is believed here that unless a verdict is reached by to-morrow afternoon a mistrial will be entered.

Captain Boyce, the victim of the killing, was the father of A. G. Boyce, Jr., who played with Mrs. J. B. Sneed last November from Fort Worth to Winnipeg, Canada. The defendant is the husband of the woman.

#### John B. Sneed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Wytheville, Va., February 25.—John B. Sneed died at his residence, near McAdams, last night, of a grippe, ultimately in pneumonia. Mr. Sneed is survived by his wife and six children—three sons and three daughters. Mrs. L. E. Harvey, of Richmond, is one of the daughters. He was the son of the late Colonel Joseph Kent and brother-in-law of Judge George M. Harris, of the Supreme Court of Virginia. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

#### John G. Foreman.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Salisbury, N. C., February 25.—John G. Foreman, aged sixty-four, died in his home in Salisbury to-day from pneumonia. He had been seriously ill two weeks. He was for years a well-known minor in the nation of North Carolina. He is survived by a wife, eight children and two brothers, E. F. Foreman of Salisbury, and Thomas Foreman of Oklahoma.

#### Mrs. Ellen Sumner.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Spencer, N. C., February 25.—Mrs. Ellen Sumner, aged seventy-nine years, died at her home in Spencer at a late hour last night. She was a member of an old family, and leaves no near relatives. The body was shipped to Burlington for interment.

## OLD FRIENDSHIP HAS BEEN BROKEN

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have closed with the expression: "I owe more to Charles P. Taft and you than to any other two men on earth," or substantially these words. "Roosevelt's friends have made no secret of his anger over the letter. They tell you he brandished it and said: 'Good Lord, so he puts money above brains, does he?'"

#### Intended a Compliment.

Whether that was a tactful letter for the President to write Roosevelt is a question for political philosophers to solve, but the President